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# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION: INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

## Letter dated 14 November 1994 from the Officer-in-Charge of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to bring to your attention decision IDB.13/Dec.20 (see annex) on industrial development cooperation adopted by the Industrial Development Board on 11 November 1994. The decision contains in paragraph (c) a recommendation which should be brought to the attention of the General Assembly during its forthcoming consideration of the item on industrial development cooperation at its current session.

The full text of the decision is attached herewith. The resolutions adopted by the General Conference of UNIDO at its fifth session as contained in GC.5/INF.4 and referred to in paragraph (c) of decision IDB.13/Dec.20, are also attached.

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ANNEX

Decision IDB.13/Dec.20 entitled "Industrial Development Cooperation"

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Recalled articles 1 and 2 of the UNIDO Constitution and United Nations General Assembly resolution 45/196, which reaffirms the role of UNIDO as the coordinating organ in the United Nations system having primary responsibility for promoting and accelerating industrial development and the transfer of technology to developing countries;

(b) Also recalled General Assembly resolution 47/153, in which the Assembly expresses its conviction that, in order to promote the industrial development of developing countries, their indigenous capabilities in such areas as entrepreneurship, management, technology, financing, and marketing need to be built up or strengthened, and that technical and financial assistance in support of the national efforts of developing countries would need to be extended for that purpose;

(c) Recommended to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, in considering industrial development cooperation, to take into account the resolutions adopted by the General Conference of UNIDO at its fifth session (cf. GC.5/INF.4) in particular resolutions GC.5/Res.20 in which the Yaoundé Declaration a/ is adopted and GC.5/Res.12 on the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (see appendix).

8th plenary meeting
11 November 1994

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a/ For the Yaoundé Declaration, see A/49/347, appendix.

APPENDIX

Resolution GC.5/Res.12 entitled "Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa"

The General Conference,

Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 47/177 and resolution 1991/81 of the Economic and Social Council as well as UNIDO General Conference resolution GC.4/Res.8 and Board decision IDB.11/Dec.9 on the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA) (1993-2002),

Taking note of the recommendations of the 10th and 11th meetings of the Conference of African Ministers of Industry contained in its resolutions 1(X) and 1(XI) on the programme of the Second IDDA,

Further taking note of the Mauritius Declaration on Africa's Accelerated Industrial Recovery and Development in the context of the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (1993-2002) and beyond, adopted by the Conference of African Ministers of Industry at its 11th meeting,

Bearing in mind the low level of industrial development in Africa and recognizing the important role which UNIDO can play in the process of its rapid industrialization,

1. Requests the Director-General:

(a) To provide African countries assistance in formulating industrial sector policies with a view to creating an enabling environment for increased industrial investment, and in the formulation of policies, procedures and guidelines for enhancement of initiatives for private sector development;

(b) In cooperation with the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, to give high priority to the development of the African private sector and facilitate its involvement in the implementation of the programme for the Second IDDA;

(c) To ensure appropriate staffing for the implementation of the programme for the Second IDDA;

2. Urges multilateral development finance and bilateral aid institutions to give high priority to increased investment in the industrial sector as a means of encouraging foreign private investment in the industrial sectors in Africa;

3. Decides to give full support to all parts of the programme for the Second IDDA, and in doing so, give particular attention:

(a) To programme and project identification, preparation, implementation and monitoring;

(b) To preparation, evaluation and negotiations of bids and contracts;

(c) To production, marketing and distribution in relation to key consumer, intermediate and capital goods, especially in the subregional and regional context;

(d) To procurement, adaptation and development of technology, plant management and consultancy services;

(e) To industrial strategies and policies and setting up of institutional support, including development of sustainable institutional capability for industrial services and support to local enterprises in cooperation with local chambers of commerce and representatives of industry groups and associations;

(f) To comprehensive development of small- and medium-scale industries;

(g) To the assessment and determination of appropriate interrelationships between environmental and ecological needs and industrial growth and priorities in African countries;

4. Further requests the Director-General, in cooperation with the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity:

(a) To continue to give high priority to the mobilization of external financial resources for the execution of programmes for the Second IDDA;

(b) To continue to intensify their cooperation in providing to African intergovernmental organizations the necessary assistance in strengthening the role of the industrial sector in the implementation of the subregional component of IDDA within the framework of the African Economic Community;

5. Requests the Director-General to present to the General Conference at its sixth session a report on the measures called for in the present resolution, through the Industrial Development Board.

7th plenary meeting
9 December 1993

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